

MINUTES
BEN GEREN PARK BOARD MEETING
March 11, 2013
12:00 Noon

The regular meeting of the Ben Geren Park Board was held at 12:00 noon, March 11, 2013, at the Ben Geren Park Community Building, 7200 Zero, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Present was:

Mr. Eddy Beshears
Mrs. Beth Presley
Mr. Frank Glidewell

Absent was:

Mr. Jerry Neel

Others present were:

Sebastian County Judge David Hudson
Mr. Channon Toland, Parks Administrator
Mr. Bobby Faulkner, Park Maintenance Supervisor
Mrs. Paula Vincent, Parks Administrative Secretary
Mr. Brian Cummins, Golf Course Superintendent
Mr. Steve Nicholls, P.G.A. Golf Professional
Mr. Joe Mundy, Ben Geren Softball Association President
Mr. Kim Thompson, Ben Geren Softball Association Secretary
Ms. Wanda Freeman, Southwest Times Record

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM by Mr. Eddy Beshears, Chairman.

Minutes of the February 11, 2013, meeting were reviewed. Frank Glidewell moved and Beth Presley seconded that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was Reports:

Park Administrator Report: Channon Toland

- The Monthly Financial Reports were reviewed. A total of \$20,155.30 for the Golf Course and \$1,315 for the Front Side was transferred to County Treasurer for February 2013.
- Safe Shelter usage was discussed.
- Miniature Golf will open Friday, 3/15, for Spring Break.

Briefing on Golf Course Marketing: Steve Nicholls

- ARPA tournament will be Wednesday, 3/13, in conjunction with their annual conference and trade show.
- Other events scheduled in March include March Madness 2-man tournament, Roland HS Boys Invitational tournament, River Valley Golf, and Free Golf Clinic. Company league play will also be starting.
- Steve attended the annual PGA seminar in Tulsa.

- A purple martin house has been donated by one of our golfers.

Briefing on Golf Course Operations: Brian Cummins

- Pre-emerge is being sprayed on golf course greens
- Testing was done on water distribution
- Brian talked about mowing on the greens
- Aerifying will be done possibly by the end of the month, depending on the weather

Park Operations: Bobby Faulkner

- Miniature Golf: Cleaning and maintenance is ongoing preparing to open Friday, 3/15, for Spring Break
- Restroom: All restrooms will be open by next week
- Softball: BGSA has been repainting backstops. The work they have done is greatly appreciated.
- Staff will likely be back to mowing by the end of the month, depending on weather
- Projects: Playground restroom is up and running. Aquatics is moving forward. Disc golf parking lot is coming along. New softball fields going through design phase.

Old Business:

There was no old business on the agenda

New Business:

There was no new business on the agenda

There being no other business to come before the Board, Beth Presley moved and Frank Glidewell seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Vincent
Administrative Secretary